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FOR THE USE

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The Rev. Mr A-- G-b.

Tho' low the Subject, it deſerves our pains.
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The PREFACE.

AT a time when profeſſors of CHRISTIANITY, are much divided in opinion, with regard to matters of FAITH, and PRACTICE, it becomes exceedingly neceſſary, that a man ſhould be able to give *an Anſwer to every one that aſketh a reaſon of the hope that is in him*;—and that he ſhould be well ſatisfied that the principles and practice of that denomination of Chriſtians, with whom he holds communion, are warranted by, and founded on, the word of God, the only rule of faith and manners.—More eſpecially, if theſe are different, in ſome things, from the opinions and conduct of other religious denominations, who, in the judgement of charity, muſt be called Chriſtians alſo.

The Writer of the following pages having this in view, to inform his judgement, confirm his ſentiments, and refreſh his memory, concerning *Secession Principles*, lately peruſed *The Re-Exhibition of the Teſtimony, by the Aſſociate Synod*; compared with *Mr G-b's preſent Truth*, or *Diſplay of the Seceſſion Teſtimony*, in two Volumes, containing the PRINCIPLES and CONDUCT of the ANTIBURGERS; with *an Examination of a late Impartial Survey, of the Religious Clauſe of ſome Burgeſs Oaths*, &c. by the late worthy and Reverend A----d H-ll; which Examination he alſo peruſed. And, being very much ſurpriſed, and aſtoniſhed at the remarkable and moſt uncommon ſtrain of ill-nature, and abuſe, that runs through the whole of it, he was anxious to obtain a ſight of Mr H-ll's performance alſo. After a careful peruſal, although he does not ſay that he approves of every ſentiment in

Mr H-ll's ſurvey, yet he muſt ſay, that he thinks, in general, it contains *the words of Truth and Soberneſs*, expreſſed in *decent* language, with *ſtrong argument*, and much *good ſenſe*; and by no means merits that unbounded degree of ABUSE, which, with all the *bitterneſs*, *rage*, and *fury* of the moſt implacable reſentment, is moſt wantonly beſtowed on the SURVEY and its AUTHOR, by Mr G-b, who, in his opinion, is much to blame for his SOURRILITY and SLANDER. The Author of *********, or of the moſt profane, impious book that ever was written, could ſcarce deſerve worſe treatment, if ſo bad, as is given to Mr H-ll. Indeed Mr G-b takes care not to mention his name*; but he points him out ſufficiently to the world by the Title of his Book, and other circumſtances; ſo that he cannot be miſtaken. Theſe and other conſiderations, ſuggeſted the idea of collecting a few of Mr G-b's very uncommon phraſes, and of throwing them into the preſent form; Agreeing with the Spectator, That *of all the monſtrous paſſions and opinions which have crept into the world, there is none ſo wonderful, as that thoſe who poſſeſs the common name of CHRISTIANS, ſhould purſue each other with rancour and hatred, for differences*, (perhaps not eſſential to ſalvation,) *in their way of following the example of their Saviour. It ſeems ſo natural that all who purſue the ſteps of any leader ſhould form themſelves after his manners, that it is impoſſible to account for effects ſo different from what we might expect from thoſe who profeſs themſelves followers of the higheſt pattern of meekneſs and charity, but by aſcribing ſuch effects to the ambition and corruption of thoſe who are ſo audacious, with ſouls full of fury, to ſerve at the altars of the God of peace.*

* P. T. * v. 2. p. 303. *Mr G-b ſays, The Author's name ſhall be left to the proper remembrance of it, in the record of his own writings: While his pamphlet now mentioned ſhall be referred to, under the character of the SURVEY; and its Author, under that of the SURVEYOR.*

As very weak and unlikely means are often made uſe of by Providence to bring about the greateſt and beſt ends—if this attempt, by the bleſſing of God, ſhould have the ſmalleſt tendency to ſhow the *impropriety* of ſuch conduct, and of uſing *indecent* language in ſupport of Religious opinions, it would not be thought labour loſt, by a friend to Seceſſion principles, (in their original and genuine form;) who has not the ſmalleſt pretenſions to literary merit, and therefore begs the good natured and candid reader will over-look, or excuſe the imperfections of the following pages. Being conſcious he has no ill-natured deſign, having a ſincere regard for many Miniſters and Private Chriſtians of the Antiburger communion, who he is perſuaded are more of a Chriſtian Spirit than this Examinator. Indeed it is to be wiſhed that they would pay more attention than they generally do, to that excellent Sentiment, and Chriſtian like petition of Mr Pope.

Let not this weak, unknowing hand
  Preſume thy bolts to throw,
And deal damnation round the land,
  On each I judge thy foe.
If I am right, oh! teach my heart
  Still in the right to ſtay;
If I am wrong thy grace impart,
  To find that better way.

Pope's Univ. P.

N. B. The Paragraphs and Phraſes marked with (“) inverted commas, to the beſt of the writer's knowledge, are all Mr G-b's own words, taken from the EXAMINATION, in his PRESENT TRUTH, printed Edin. 1774.; and the numbers of the pages

where they are to be found are marked on the margin or at the bottom. The remaining paragraphs are not Mr G-b's *words*; but they are, what it is supposed, for connection, *might* be *thought*, or *said*, in consequence of what he has really expressed.

VOCABULARY of ABUSE,

Extracted from *An Examination of a late Survey*, by the Reverend A. G-b.

Or, Mr G-b's

PRESENT TRUTH.

Found not the *Whole* TRUTH; nor altogether TRUE.

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteouſneſs of God. Jam. i. 20.

But daring men there are, who rave and bound away,
The world their field, and human kind their prey.
Young.

HUSH Gentlemen:——Let the Great Mr G-b ſpeak for himſelf,—for he thus addreſſes his Friends:

a "It would be buſineſs too low for this place to "chaſtiſe the ARROGANCE, IMPERTINENCIES, "and IMPROPRIETIES of the PREFACER" (Mr H-ll's) "manner of writing; with the MALI-"CIOUS CONSTRUCTIONS, as alſo the VIRU-"LENT CALUMNIES about looſe procedure in co-

a Preſent Truth, v. i. p. 356.

" venanting work, caſt upon the Aſſociate Synod, in " that preface: but he, and his correſpondent whoſe " invective he adopts, are left to the free enjoyment " of whatever Satisfaction they can find, in ſuch " meaſures of SCURRILITY and SLANDER."

Mr G-b, *Solus*, MUSING.

—Well: but let me think——I muſt confeſs that this conduct and temper of mind would be likeſt to the example given by Him, *who when he was reviled, reviled not again*;—and might, perhaps, be neceſſary for the honour of religion, and the credit of the miniſterial character.

Beſides, (though I muſt not ſay ſo) Mr H-ll has given no great provocation; for it cannot be denied that in general, he has uſed the words of decency, and ſoberneſs.—But then he has told too much of the truth; and all the truth muſt not be told.—I muſt therefore, repreſent the matter quite otherwiſe, to take off the force of his arguments, which are indeed very ſtrong; or there is no ſaying what might be the conſequences.—The people's eyes might be opened; and then down falls the whole fabric of the Antiburger Synod!—diſmal thought!—It cannot,—muſt not be!—Am I not almoſt the father of it? For although I had not the honour to beget it myſelf, yet it was begotten, conceived, and drew its firſt breath

under my own roof.* And has it not been under my protection and direction ever ſince? Has not this ſynod ſerved me theſe many years? And wherein has it at any time tranſgreſſed my commands? It would be unnatural, it would be ungrateful, to deſert it in the hour of its greateſt diſtreſs; when reaſon and ſtrong argument are both combined againſt it, and threatening its utter deſtruction.

Moreover, my own honour, which is dearer to me than all the ſynods upon earth, calls me to the field of battle.—Am I not accounted the greateſt Champion of abuſe that has exiſted ſince the days of Shimei? And have I not been accuſtomed to deal FIRE-BRANDS, ARROWS and DEATH around, at all times, upon every one, that preſumed to differ from me in ſentiment.†---What would the world then think of an alteration, ſo unlike my former conduct? Might

* *As Mr G-b will ſurely tell nothing but truth his own account of this matter muſt be beſt. v. 2. p.* 69. 70. *He acknowledges* 'That *the miniſters and elders of the party, had a ſhort converſation in his houſe on the morning of April* 9.' *Being met* "They ſoon came un-"animous in a general view as to where the Conſtitution and Au-"thority of the Synod was neceſſarily to lie.—And that it ought "to be claimed accordingly" *by themſelves.——Which they did that night.——ſeparated from their brethren;——and met the next day April* 10. *in Mr G-b's houſe, aſſuming the name and authority of the Real ASSOCIATE SYNOD.*

† *Meſſrs. E——es, F——r, P——e, K——r, B——n,* &c. &c. &c. *And the Burgers in general, have all in their day and turn, received the ſevereſt chaſtiſements from this Champion with PREFACES, DISPLAYS, EXAMINATIONS, EXPOSITIONS, RODS of CORRECTION, REFUGE of LIES,* &c. &c. &c.

not ſome ſay that divine grace has made a ſurpriſing change on Mr G-b's temper? And others, that the infirmities of old age have impaired his abilities? Or that near views of eternity have ſoftened his ſpirit, for he uſes his fellow chriſtians who differ from him in opinion, with leſs ill-nature, and more civility than common?—Oh there's the rub.—I am jealous of my honour.—I muſt by all means convince the world, that none of theſe things have yet befallen me:—that I am ſtill the old man;—that my faculties are nowiſe impaired;—and that my ſpirit is ſtill the ſame.—It muſt be ſo.—I am fully reſolved.—Therefore, let them take what follows, as a ſpecimen of my abilities to manage an argument, and call names,—with a vengeance.

ATTENTION! GENTLEMEN.—Second thoughts are beſt: I have changed my mind,--put on my armour ---and once more graſped my ſpear.—I could not think of loſing the honours obtained in ſo many well fought battles, by refuſing to take the command in a time of ſuch imminent danger:--but as I am now grown old and grey-headed in the ſervice, I intend finally to reſign the command at the end of the preſent campaign.† I beg therefore you will take notice, and obſerve how

† *b Mr G-b ſays there might be need of ſome apology for the particularity and length of the Examination; were it not that many are*

Preſent Truth, v. ii. p. 419.

dexterously I wield my weapons: and learn to handle your arms in the same manner; and then you may bid defiance to REASON, SENSE, or ARGUMENT at all times.—Nay, only follow my method exactly, and you have nothing to fear: For you may OUTSCOLD, OUTRAIL, *****, and almost BEAT the *D---l* himself, with his own weapons;—although he is the oldest teacher of the ART in the creation.—But if you fight with these weapons, you may not soon have an opportunity to try your skill with him; for they are seldom used, but by persons on the same side of the argument with himself:—and the *Old Gentleman* knows well that they are preferable to any other, for he himself has been in the practice of them from the beginning.

BUT I see I must proceed to the ENGAGEMENT. } *Mr G-b takes Mr H-ll's Book, holds it up.*

For behold the enemy in battle array, and already in possession of the field,—see how audaciously this fellow H-ll, the author of this book, stands at the head of his firm battalions—of GOOD SENSE, SOLID REASONING,—and SOUND ARGUMENT;—with the SWORD of SCRIPTURE QUOTATIONS in his hand. But be not afraid of him nor his army, They cannot

disposed to make a handle of every thing against the associate Synod, and the cause they are maintaining: While the Examiner was the rather inclined to deal thoroughly in the present work; because his infirmity and time of life may not allow him to perform any further duty of this sort, in behalf of that cause.

prevail over us,—for they are not acquainted with *my* method of fighting,—and know not the powers of the weapons that I uſe.

Stand ſtill, Gentlemen,—only look on and behold the wonders wrought by the power of mine own arm.—I ſhall ſo THRASH and MAUL this SURVEYOR himſelf, that he ſhall not be left with a whole bone in his ſkin: his name and character ſhall alſo be torn in pieces, in ſuch a manner, that no honeſt man will afterwards venture to be ſeen in his company, or ſuffer him to come under his roof.—And as for his battalions of pretended veterans that he depends ſo much upon; I will tear them in pieces, and ſcatter their fragments to the four winds.—

NOW FOR IT—

You H-LL, the SURVEYOR, are

A
1 BASE,
2 IMPUDENT,
3 BRAZEN FACED
4 VILLAIN.

A
5 SPITEFUL,
6 IGNORANT,
7 PEDANT.

A
8 GROSS IDOLATER;
9 GREAT LIAR;
10 MERE SLANDERER;

11 An EVIL MAN, and a Seducer of the people.
12 HARDENED againſt all SHAME and SENSE;
13 And will STICK at nothing.

Mr G.b to all whom it may concern,---These are deadly Blows Gentlemen.---But leaſt any of you ſhould think that I really had not courage ſufficient to lay them on, I refer you for proof to my *Examination of a late Survey;* and there you'll find the following paragraphs, all of them atteſted by me A--- G.b who never yet put my name to a vain --- Braggadochia.

BASE.

c "It is really hard to believe that any man would "be capable of acting ſo BASE a part," &c.

d "How BASE! then is the Surveyor's *calumnious* "*rhapſody.*"

2. IMPUDENT.

e "Intolerable *abſurdity* and IMPUDENCE," *&c.*

f "A piece of IMPUDENT *forgery*," *&c.*

3. BRAZEN FACED.

g "Such is the Surveyor's *abominable* way of ex- "plaining the Burgeſs Oath, in regard to its poſi- "tive deſign;---and yet he BRAZENS it out with a "moſt ſingular degree of IMPUDENCE," *&c.*

h "Upon the whole, it is to be conſidered as one "of the Steps of the Lord's righteous judgement, "upon a backſliding generation, that he has per-

Preſent Truth, *c* v. 2. p. 372. *d* v. 2. p 327. *e* v. 1. p. 373. *f* v. 2. p. 328. *g* v. 2. p. 367. *h*. v. 1. p. 380.

" mitted this man to riſe up with a BROW of " BRASS, under a deluſive maſk of friendſhip to " our covenanted reformation, for ſeducing the " Lord's people from any genuine regard to it, and " for promoting the preſent apoſtacy from a wit- " neſſing profeſſion."

4. VILLAIN.

i " But he makes yet a bolder ſtep, into another " piece of moſt *Defamatory Falſehood* upon this ſub- " ject; of as VILLAINOUS a nature as any per- " haps, that was ever uttered among mankind."

5. SPITEFUL.

k " But what a height of SPITE or of *Ignorance* " was requiſite, with regard to the Synod and Se- " ceſſion cauſe, to put the man upon this way of " arguing and conſtructing."

6. IGNORANT.

l " But where is ſuch another ſtroke of IGNO- " RANCE, and *Aſſurance* to be met with," *&c.*

m " Enough has been ſaid in the preceeding part " of this Examination, about his IGNORANT, " yet *inſulting* reproaches," *&c.*

7. PEDANT.

n " PEDANTIC Obſervation, *&c.* *o* More parti-

Preſent Truth. *i* v. 2. p. 313. *k* v. 2. p. 335. *l* v. 2. p. 317. *m* v. 2. p. 342. *n* v. 1. p. 360. *o* v. 1. p. 367.

" cularly, as to the goſpel-ſcheme here PEDANTI-
" CALLY lugged in, &c. a moderate knowledge of
" the common-ſenſe ſcheme may certainly ſerve the
" purpoſe."

8. GROSS IDOLATER.

p " The Prefacer" Mr H-ll " having offered up all
" Covenant Renovation, yea, all Covenant obliga-
" tion with all homage to God in ſolemn covenant-
" ing, as a GREAT SACRIFICE, to the IDOL of
" his own Malignancy; No wonder that the Aſſoci-
" ate Preſbytery's manner of covenanting, is next
" DEVOTED by him, to the ſame horrid treat-
" ment."

9. GREAT LIAR.

q " This is one of the FALSEHOODS, in which
" he deals ſo liberally. *r* A downright LIE,--*ſ* Two
" abſolute FALSEHOODS; which the Surveyor
" could not but know to be ſo, &c.---*t* Three palpable
" LIES."

u " Indeed his *Ifs* make him appear to have been
" at firſt ſhocked by the *monſtrous* nature of the LIE,
" which he was ſo maliciouſly uttering, &c.---*x* He
" has reaſon to be really ſorry for having made ſuch
" a LIE upon them.

p Preſent Truth, *p* v. 1. p. 372. *q* v. 2. p. 310. *r* v. 2. p. 402.
ſ v. 2. p. 320. *t* v. 2. p. 374. *u* v. 2. p. 314. *x* v. 2. p. 349.

10. SLANDERER.

y "The Surveyor, then, is a mere SLANDERER."

11. EVIL MAN.

z "So much for the Preface, when the Survey "comes to be conſidered, there will appear a fur- "ther verifying of that awful prediction,---EVIL "MEN *and Seducers ſhall wax worſe and worſe.*"

12. HARDENED.

a "But he ſeems to be HARDENED againſt both "*Shame* and *Senſe* in the deſperateneſs of his op- "poſition to the Synod."

13. STICK AT NOTHING.

b "What will this Prefacer STICK at, *&c.*

c "He STICKS not at the *Monſtrous Abſurdity* of "telling them, *&c.*---*Strange!* May he not now "make any thing a proof for any thing, *&c.*

d "It may well indeed be a queſtion how he came "by a ſufficient ſtock of *Aſſurance* for writing af- "ter this manner.'

Mr G-b, Wiping the Sweat off his face.---

NOW GENTLEMEN,---Have I not trimmed him moſt *Sweetly?* I am ſure I have given him a round dozen *Good Blows*;---and the leaſt of them might

Preſent Truth, *y* v. 2. p. 385. *z* v. 1. p. 380. *a* v. 2. 336. *b* v. 1. p. 375. *c* v. 1. p. 366. *d* v. 2. p. 331.

have proved mortal to any other man.—But this is ſuch a ſtout fellow—and then he is caſed up in armour of Proof, that I believe is almoſt impenetrable;—Beſides, his *Sword of Scripture Quotations* is indeed a very ſharp and dangerous weapon, being ſharper than any other two edged ſword,—and he handles it with great dexterity: To avoid the danger, I have been obliged to take many a leap from ſide to ſide;—and by that means, have hitherto got off unhurt.—And notwithſtanding theſe advantages on the enemy's ſide, my ſpear being LONG and STRONG—a well tempered compoſition of UNBOUNDED RANCOUR and VIRULENT ABUSE,—I have, by my uncommon ſkill in the management of this weapon, been enabled to give him,—as you have ſeen,—many a thurſt therewith.—And I hope, that ſome one or other of them, if they do not prove mortal, will at leaſt prove ſufficient to prevent him from diſturbing our peace in all time to come.—

But the battle is not yet over—for although the GENERAL has gotten a good drubbing, I obſerve his Battalions of *Arguments* are ſtill in force—I muſt try what I can do with them; and if they prove as obſtinate as himſelf, I doubt I muſt call the whole of my friends to my aid,—For *a* "it might juſtly provoke a "warm indignation through the whole Seceſſion-bo-"dy, to find themſelves ſo baſely trifled with."—But

a Preſent Truth, v. 2. p. 411.

I ſhall preſently pour ſuch a torrent of *Abuſe* on this SURVEY, as I hope will ſweep the remembrance of ſuch *arguments* from the earth.

BATTALIONS! did I ſay,--of *Senſe*, *Reaſon*, and *Argument*?—I could not call them ſo;—if I did, it muſt have been in jeſt;--for I could not ſo groſsly miſtake—*b* "The *Ignorance*, *Inſolence* and *Malignity* by "which this *Survey* is characterized.

I muſt acknowledge, indeed, that at a diſtance it has a moſt formidable appearance, and a general of leſs courage than myſelf might have been terrified at the ſight,--and run off the field without deſerving the name of Coward;--for it requires no common ſhare of ſkill and penetration,—even more than military, to find out the names, and real characters of the troops with which it is compoſed.

But it is Mr. G-b that commands, a man of great Experience and profound Sagacity, of well tried courage, and much approven ſkill; who has ſlain thouſands by the words of his mouth, and terrified many more by the Sound of his name.—And this they ſhall know by fatal experience, now that I have entered the liſts.

The World and you my Friends, have ſeen how handſomely I have beat the Surveyor himſelf; I will now ſhow that I can deal my blows with the ſame dexterity, and I hope with the ſame ſucceſs againſt his SURVEY.

Preſent Truth, *b* v 2. p. 418.

ONCE MORE,

R****LS, *HAVE AT YOU.*

THIS SURVEY *e* " Is in fact one of the groſſeſt " Syſtems of *Falſehoods* and *Miſrepreſentations*, " with unbounded *Rancour* and *Abuſe*, that was ever " impoſed upon the public.

f " A performance quite *abandoned* as to all com- " mon meaſures of TRUTH or DECENCY;—by " which the Author *hath turned judgement into gall*, " *and the fruit of righteouſneſs into hemlock.*

g " The SURVEY is not more diſtinguiſhed by " any thing, than by a very uncommon ſtrain of " *Audacity* and *Impudence*, that runs through the " whole of it; like the continued *vapourings* of a " BULLY, inſtead of the ſober reaſoning which he " has had the *Aſſurance* to pretend his having uſed. " And all this is ſupported in a great meaſure, by " the Surveyor's *Great Ignorance* of the ſubjects up- " on which he writes.

h " This however *ignorantly* he endeavours, as " with axes and hammers, to break down the carv- " ed work of the Seceſſion:—Yea, as will be evi- " denced afterwards,—he boldly tries to tear up " foundations, with a *horrid tendency* to univerſal " ruin and deſolation; not only to the whole inte- " reſts of the Seceſſion cauſe, but alſo as to any

Preſent Truth, *e* v. 2. p. 304. *f* v. 2. p. 7. *g* v. 2. p. 304. *h* v. 2. p. 308.

" proper form and maintainance of a Chriſtian pro-
" feſſion among the Gentiles.

i " The Survey is greatly indebted, for what form
" it has, to a number of *Abſolute Falſehoods* con-
" tained in it; theſe being even the main pillars upon
" which the whole fabric depends! and they are
" confidently retailed upon the Surveyor's word.

k " Beſide the *abſolute Falſehoods* which have been
" conſidered, there is a continued *Miſrepreſentation*
" *of facts*, and *Perverſion of Words*: while he deals
" all along in ſuch *foul manglings*, and ſuch *violent*
" *wreſtings*, with ſuch *low quibbles and catches*, as are
" a diſgrace to any controverſial writer.

" l And he *profanes* the *Language* of the LORD of
" GLORY, by making it a conveyance of ſuch
" calumny."

BESIDES, this SURVEY

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Mr G-b Pauſing.

——GENTLEMEN,—You who have been attentive Spectators of the battle betwixt Mr H-ll and me, or, in other words, who have carefully peruſed Mr H-ll's *Survey*, and my *Examination*,—*I Mr A. G-b* inſiſt upon it, that you muſt not preſume to retort the following paragraphs, or any one of them upon me, however juſt you may think the application. For they are all my own words, applied to Mr H-ll, and his *Survey;* and I will allow no man to uſe them but myſelf;—For it would be very hard to fight me with my own weapons,—and I am afraid of nothing elſe.

m "It is not poſſible to give a full view of this mat-"ter by any particular quotations, or without a "tranſcribing of the whole pamphlet" (Hall's

m Preſent Truth, v. 2. p. 321.

Survey remember, not Mr G-b's *Examination*,) "as "it is one continued piece of ſuch *abuſe*.

n "There is not one inſtance to be found of *fair* "*dealing* in the whole.

o "*Arrant Nonſenſe ſo impudently palmed* upon the "world, *&c.*

p "Such arguments are only for being *wondered* at.

q "He who can digeſt ſuch things, may digeſt "any thing.

r "It is hard to deal with *deceit*, when ſheltered "by *impenetrable nonſenſe*.

ſ "Fine doctrine, for *gulling* the conſciences of "Profeſſors.

t "And are the conſciences of men to be *debauch-* "*ed* by ſuch doctrine.

u "There have certainly been few inſtances of "ſuch *effrontery* in any writer; as if the chance of "getting ſome readers *impoſed* upon, might harden "againſt all *Shame* about the manner of doing it.

x "There is need to pray for the Lord's pitying a "people, who can ſubmit to ſuch a direction of "their conſciences.

y "It is really *ſtrange*, that a man could ſo far *proſtitute* his character,---in arguing after this man-

Preſent Truth, *n* v. 2. p. 321. *o* v. 1. p. 372. *p*. v. 1. p. 376. *q* v. 2. p. 354. *r* v. 2. p. 370. *ſ* v. 2. p. 359. *t* v. 2. p. 334. *u* v. 1. p. 365. *x* v. 1. p. 361. *y* v. 2. p. 327.

ner: but what expedients will not one be driven to, in a *deſperate cauſe?*"

☞ PRESUME not to ſay,—*Mr G-b* THOU ART THE MAN, and thy *Examination the* BOOK.

2 "But as he" (Mr H-ll) "needs not expect to "get them" (the Synod) "put out of countenance "by his *audacious mackery*; as little needs he ſuppoſe "that they will be terrified by his *ſcolding*, or by his "*grinning* at them in *Capitals*."—For he muſt firſt beat myſelf at *ſcolding* and *grinning*—and this will not be eaſily done;—As the whole world muſt allow that I am not only a Goliath in this reſpect, but that the ſtaff of my ſpear is indeed like a weaver's beam.—

—AND BE IT KNOWN, notwithſtanding my former reſolution of reſigning the command, That, if any man, ſo long as I am able to ſhake my ſpear, ſhall preſume to attack me or any of my friends; Or even ſo much as to find fault with, or contradict any thing that may be either done or ſaid by any one of us,—I will give his fleſh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beaſts of the field;—as I have already done with the ſurveyor Mr H-ll, who was accounted by many, a *man* of *war* from his youth;—So will I do unto them,—and even more alſo.

☞ *THEREFORE STRIPLINGS TAKE CARE.*

Preſent Truth, 2 v. 2. p. 332.

a "He" Mr G-b "apprehends no need of an apo-
"logy, for any ſeverity of language which he has
"uſed; as what may be reckoned conſiderably be-
"low the *atrocious demerit* of the Survey.—And the
"Reader may now judge, if that performance be not
"fronted with an air of blaſphemy; when the *Groſs*
"*Falſehoods, miſrepreſentations, invectives,* and *errors,*
"of which it is compounded are called, *The Ba-*
"*lances of the Sanctuary.*"—To *Arms* therefore,—
To *Arms* my friends; For,

b "At the ſame time, it might juſtly provoke a
"warm indignation through the whole Seceſſion
"body,—to find themſelves ſo *baſely triffled with* and
"*abuſed,* in an attempt to *diſgrace,* and nullify the
"Reformation Teſtimony among their hands."

This much for my friends.

Now to the World.

But, perhaps, ſome of you may imagine, notwithſtanding all that I have ſaid, that Mr H-ll has been harſhly treated by me—And, in ſupport of your fooliſh opinion, ignorantly ſay, CHRISTIANITY, is this thy amiable ſpirit?—far from it,—For it is the very oppoſite diſpoſition to that of thy merciful, and ever bleſſed Inſtitutor, who prayed for his enemies, when about to ſlay him;—*Father, forgive them, for*

Preſent Truth, *a* v. 2. p. 419. *b* v. 2. p. 411.

they know not what they do.—It is alſo the very oppoſite diſpoſition to that of all his ſincere followers: For all of them are of Stephen's amiable temper of mind, who, when his enemies were unjuſtly ſtoning him, cried with his laſt breath, *Lord lay not this ſin to their charge.*—And ſaying this the godly man fell aſleep.—And even ſuppoſe Mr H-ll had offended by his opinions, and his manner of ſupporting them, yet ſurely ſuch treatment is quite inconſiſtent with the whole doctrines of *Chriſtianity*, as taught by the ever bleſſed *Jeſus*; particularly with the import of that parable recorded Mat. 18. from the 23. to the 35. verſe, where a certain King is repreſented delivering over that cruel ſervant to the tormentors, who would not forgive his fellow ſervant an Hundred pence, although his Lord had forgiven him Ten thouſand talents: Our Lord himſelf makes the application in theſe remarkable words, *So likewiſe ſhall my heavenly Father do unto you; if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their treſpaſſes.*

I am aware of theſe objections; and I dare ſay, were any one that may be diſpoſed to make them, ſeriouſly to conſider the matter, and the reaſons formerly given for my conduct, they would change their opinion;—they would then ſee, that neceſſity knows neither *Law* nor *Rule.*

I know it may alſo be ſaid, that the angel Michael durſt not bring a railing accuſation againſt the Devil himſelf, but only ſaid, *The Lord rebuke thee.*

I am aware of this objection alſo.—The angel might not be ſo well convinced of being in the right himſelf, and of the infallibility of his party, as I am; or, at leaſt, for prudential reaſons, muſt appear to be.—Moreover, he knew very well that though he had railed, the devil would have matched him;—if not beat him entirely off the field; whereas I am fully ſatisfied that I have taken care of Mr H-ll in this reſpect;—and ſo confident am I of my abilities this way, that I would not be much afraid to try my ſkill at railing with the *D—l* himſelf. And if I did beat him, as perhaps I might, then my glory would be compleat. And although the *Old Gentleman* ſhould get the better of me, it would be no great diſgrace, all things conſidered; And I ſhould ſtill have this conſolation, that it is what no other power ** ******, ** on earth could accompliſh.

Again, the impartial world may ſee, that I do not uſe him ſo ill as I might have done. Let them but reflect on the manner the Roman Catholics uſed their Antagoniſts: They pronounced the moſt dreadful anathemas on them and their adherents, curſing and damning them, from the crown of their heads to

the ſoles of their feet.* And all this they did when oppoſed in the ſmalleſt circumſtance. Now, although their conduct in this reſpect is truly commendable and worthy of imitation; yet Mr H-ll, and his adherents have been uſed with much greater *moderation*; and far leſs ſeverity than they deſerve. WHAT! firſt Preſume to differ from *us* in opinion about ſuch a ſerious, awful, weighty matter, as the Religious clauſe in ſome Burgeſs Oaths, and then call in queſtion the LEGALITY of our very exiſtence as a ſynod; for no other reaſon, but becauſe we *ſeparated* ourſelves from what they call the ANCIENT and REAL ASSOCIATE SYNOD, and ſet up a *new erection* of our *own*: And thirdly, to crown the whole, differ from us about the expediency of a PRESENT RENEWING OF OUR COVENANTS. Are not theſe moſt AWFUL, HEINOUS and GREAT PROVOCATIONS? And yet all that has been done in conſequence by the *Synod* to which I belong, was only the exerciſe of ſome WHOLESOME DISCIPLINE againſt ſuch NOTORIOUS OFFENDERS; amounting to no more than ſimply delivering the

* *Mr Sterne ſays he procured out of the leger-book of the church of Rocheſter, a form of the higher ſentence of Excommunication uſed by Exnulphus the biſhop, and for which he returns thanks to the Dean and Chapter. By this form every member of the body is curſed and damned, from the head to the foot.*

Sterne's Works, v. 1. p. 176.

Surveyor and his friends *ſoul* and *body* to the *Devil*; without ſending a particular inventory along with them, as the Roman Catholics would have done in a like caſe.—Was not this *lenity* in the *Extreme?*—And as for my own reflections in the preſent caſe, they are wholly perſonal and confined to this life.

Beſides, my friends who are ready to believe whatever I advance, will find themſelves greatly edified by my way of reaſoning, and confirmed in their attachment to Antiburger principles, with little or no trouble; which is, indeed, the main point intended by my Examination. For I would much rather wiſh that they would form their ſentiments upon my judgement and aſſertions, than that they ſhould examine the matters in diſpute themſelves; which might be dangerous, and the conſequences—not ſo certain:—Some of them might be tempted to turn aſide from the right path. But while they allow me to judge for them in matters of *Faith*, and caſes of *Conſcience*, *Truth* and *Error*, *Sin* and *Duty*,* they themſelves are perfectly ſafe, and entirely out of harm's way.—And, as the intereſt of our party muſt be ſupported at all hazards, and by every mean, it

* P. T. v. 2. Page 70. *The miniſters are the only conſtant and habitual members of the Synod, and the proper judges on a doctrinal ſubject.* And page 55. *are the proper judges in a controverſy of faith and caſe of conſcience.*

might therefore be neceſſary to recommend it to my friends, and the world in general, not to read, or ſo much as look at the Fourth chapter of Paul's Epiſtle to the Epheſians, leſt it ſhould fill their heads with ſtrange notions of my conduct, and that of the Synod to which I belong. I ſhall only give a ſpecimen of the paſſages that it might for that reaſon be proper to avoid, not only in this chapter, but wherever they are to be found in that apoſtle's writings, who, perhaps, has not been ſo cautious in many places as ſome might have wiſhed,—in this chapter he has gone great lengths indeed, for it is there written.

Eph. iv. 1. *I, therefore, the priſoner of the Lord, beſeech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,* ver. 2. *With all lowlineſs, and meekneſs, with long ſuffering; forbearing one another in love.* ver. 3. *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* ver. 4. *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;* ver. 5. *One Lord, one faith, one baptiſm.* and ver. 25. *Wherefore putting away lying, ſpeak every man truth with his neighbour; for we are members one of another.* ver. 26. *Be ye angry and ſin not: Let not the ſun go down upon your wrath.* ver. 29. *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but*

that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. ver. 31. *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.* ver. 32. *And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

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18 *after* malicious constructions, *add* and suppositions
18 *for* and *read* as also the
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